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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: K. Kellar Group Art Unit: To be assigned  
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Title: Europium Switch

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority to international application number PCT/GB99/03488 filed October 22, 1999, which is a Continuation-in-Part of United States provisional application number 60/107,212 filed November 5, 1998, and Great Britain application number 9823175.6 filed October 22, 1998.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

[Claims:]

**What is Claimed is:**

Please delete claims 5, 7, 8, 9, 21 and 22, without prejudice.